

Remarks

We trust that the examiner will now find the application to be in condition for allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested. In this regard the examiner will note that claims 36 - 38 and 80 have been canceled in favor of new claims 83 - 85. Claims 83 - 85 are directed at features of the present invention that are generally shown in Figs. 17 and 18 and specifically the web having transverse segments of fastener tape 2047 in which the bottom fastener element has a lip extending in one longitudinal direction (generally designated 2046 and extending to the right in fig. 18) and a flange extending in the opposite direction (left in fig. 18). The top fastener element has only a flange extending in the same (left) direction as the bottom flange. That is the top fastener element is substantially free of any sort of extension in the direction of the lip. Further, only the lip is sealed to the web (at 2036 in fig.18), the flanges are unconnected to the web as is clearly shown in fig.18. It is respectfully submitted that this arrangement, wherein the top fastener element has no extension in the direction of the lip extension of the bottom fastener and only the lip extension is connected to the web, is neither taught nor suggested by the cited art.

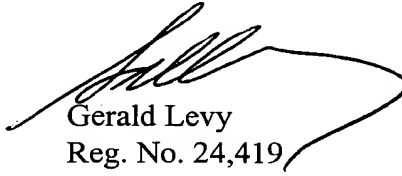
New claim 84 is directed at the seals 2038 and 2044 at the ends of the fastener tape segments.

Claim 85 is directed at the barrier material 2014 and 2020 on facing surfaces of the flanges which prevent the flanges from sealing to one another.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended herein are neither taught nor suggested by the cited art. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the

application as amended herein is now in condition for allowance. A relatively early notification of allowance is respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,



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